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NAPLES, GENOA, ALGIERS, "PRINZ LUDWIG", GIBRALTAR, SOUTHAMPTON, ANTWERP and HAMBURG	{ Capt. F. v. Densler (T. 16,320) }	WEDNESDAY, 28th Dec., at Noon.

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Allagar	3,600	8,555	29,017
Alor Pongau	2,628	12,157	
Alma	1,100	4,850	
Anglo Malay	59,162	46,418	
Ayer Kuning	320	400	2,186
Ayer Molk	2,168	11,088	
Ayer Panas	1,580	4,339	
Balgowrie	7,653	8,481	8,818
Bantak Rabat	1,310	3,835	
Banteng	4,173	19,307	
Batu Caves	14,728	104,070	
Batu Tiga	9,602	6,370	
Beraam	1,100	1,103	
Bertam	10,350	83,803	
Bikam	3,145	16,677	
Birch	1,675	5,892	
Bukit Kojang	5,193	5,664	4,458
Bukit Rajah	30,311	30,965	
Bukit Lintang	4,700	4,752	3,710
Bukit Timah	1,422	1,357	5,118
Bukit K. B.	612	1,605	
Carry United	12,250	86,550	
Castilefield	5,047	3,168	
Changkat Serdang	31,424	2,955	29,544
Changkat Salak	2,157	2,34	9,664
Cheng	950	950	
Cicily	15,45	15,326	103,337
Consolidated, Malay	23,015	18,910	
Caledonia	26,003	179,317	
Chamor		1,174	
Cherapong		10,030	
Chota		503	
Damansara	93,293	258,100	
Dominion		410	
Edinburgh	6,200	8,000	6,050
Federated (Selang.)	17,058	9,138	
F.M.S. Rubber	24,145	43,862	
Godong	22,000	11,7100	
Glocester	2,132	2,074	17,665
Glenrial	4,784	19,493	
Golden Hope	9,800	5,382	
Golconde	18,073	104,426	
Gula Kalumpang	10,500	12,000	31,833
Hai Kee		730	2,503
Harpendon	12,000	57,930	
Haylor	599	608	2,174
Heenwood	1,668	1,354	6,562
Hill & Lowlands	43,173	37,843	
Hill Kenneth	12,893	11,248	
Indragiri	705	4,401	
Jinab		100	
Jugra	9,518	60,583	
Jubong	21,880	23,850	186,250
Kapar Para	17,168	9,816	
Kampong	8,943	9,803	33,743
Kempsey	4,099	27,134	
Keppong	4,730	5,152	31,639
Klebang	2,35	733	
Kota Tinggi	670	50	4,008
Kuala Klang	3,181	16,191	
Kurau	3,141	3,07	13,765
Krian Rob. Est.	3,870	41,03	39,554
Kuala Lumpur	49,216	401,136	
Kuala Selangor		7,003	
Laba	20,648	20,102	161,160
Lamdon	31,097	28,837	
Ledbury	10,633	8,523	
Linggi	78,000	82,000	669,500
London Asiatic	18,678	11,789	
Malaka, Plina	451	783	
Malacca Plant	33,000	220,000	
Mandal Tekong	470	733	1,674
Merton	2,178	11,972	
New Sembawang		731	
New Singapore	60	120	
North Hummock	7,403	41,018	
Nova Scotia	17,500	83,405	
Padang Jawa		910	910
Pajam	3,500	3,500	25,300
Patallang	27,514	234,021	
Pegoh	5,204	5,571	35,991
Pengkalan Durian	1,516	3,959	
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HONGKONG, THURSDAY, DEC 15, 1910.

THE GENERAL ELECTION.

So far as the elections at Home have gone, and considering the small number of seats that have yet to be polled, there does not remain much room for doubt that the position of parties in the new Parliament will be practically unchanged. In this far-away outpost of the Empire we, naturally, do not take much heed of Home politics. We are outwith the atmosphere of party rancour and vituperation, and we are very happy in that position.

It was stated by a prominent public man once in Hongkong that all Britons abroad were neither Liberals nor Conservatives, but were Progressive Imperialists in the true sense of the word. In our opinion, that terse and pithy expression strikes the nail on the head exactly. Residence abroad broadens ones mind and tends to eliminate encrusted parochial views.

In that sense, we should have comparatively little interest in the Home elections. But still we are all citizens and workers of a great Empire, and it behoves us to consider well the influences that control the findings of our Central Government. In a purely selfish sense, it cannot be said that Hongkong has benefited under the Liberal régime. Indeed, the Colony has sustained two sharp blows at the hands of Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman and Mr. H. Asquith's administration in relation to the coolie traffic to South Africa and the curtailment of the opium

trade and closure of divans. Yet in these matters, Hongkong has undubitably been but a pawn in the international game directed from Downing Street and as loyal citizens we must conform to orders, however much the same may affect the Colonial exchequer. In the meantime, the failure of the Conference and the certain return of a non-Conservative majority in the House of Commons can only mean one of two things—either the Conservative leaders will have to consent to a compromise or else the original Veto proposals will be carried out in their amplitude with the assistance of the Irish and Labour-Socialistic sections of the House. Mr. Balfour and his coadjutors are as politicians too wary to force the latter course to an issue, and compromise will in all probability be eagerly welcomed by them in despite of the fruitless Conference; for they must now see that the country is not behind them in the sense that they confidently anticipated when they forced upon the Liberal Government another general election in less than a twelvemonth's time from the last appeal to the country. At this juncture, it is interesting to recall just what the Veto policy consisted of. The main points are:

"That it is expedient that the House of Lords be disabled by law from rejecting or amending a Money Bill, and that any such limitation by law shall not be taken to diminish or qualify the existing rights and privileges of the House of Commons. For the purposes of this resolution a Bill shall be considered a Money Bill if, in the opinion of the Speaker, it contains only provisions dealing with all or any of the following subjects—viz., the imposition, repeal, remission, alteration, or regulation of taxation, charges on the Consolidated Funds, or the provision of money by Parliament; Supply; the appropriation, control, or regulation of public money; raising or guaranteeing of any loan or the repayment thereof; or matters incidental to those subjects or any of them."

"That it is expedient that the powers of the House of Lords, as respects Bills other than Money Bills, be restricted by law, so that any such Bill which has passed the House of Commons in three successive sessions and having been sent up to the House of Lords at least one month before the end of the session, has been rejected by that House in each of those sessions, shall become law without the consent of the House of Lords on the Royal Assent being declared; provided that at least two years shall have elapsed between the date of the first introduction of the Bill in the House of Commons and the date on which it passes the House of Commons for the third time. For the purposes of this resolution a Bill shall be treated as rejected by the House of Lords if it has not been passed by the House of Lords either without amendment or with such amendments only as may be agreed upon by both Houses."

"That it is expedient to limit the duration of Parliament to five years."

Even amongst the Liberal leaders themselves counsels are divided on the question of how far the Veto proposals can be safely insisted upon. National opinion appears to be fairly solid as regards the need for sweeping reforms in the House of Lords and the repression of the hereditary element in it, but the people are not prepared to do away absolutely with the Second Chamber. So far as Hongkong and other Colonial possessions are concerned, the principal question at issue is that of Tariff Reform versus Free Trade. There appears to be no doubt about the feeling existent in Australia, Canada and India in favour of the adoption of some form of preferential treatment as between the Mother Country and her overseas colonies and dependencies; and it is probable that a via media will be discovered in this direction in the next Parliament if not in the one that is on the point of being convened at present. In this Colony we fancy that such preferential treatment of Colonial trade would be warmly welcomed by British merchants, who as time goes on are suffering more and more from foreign encroachment upon the trading fields of which they themselves have been the pioneers and exploiters.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A BOATMAN was fined \$10 at the Police Court this morning for dumping rubbish in the harbour.

A CHINAMAN was awarded one year's "hard" and six hours' o'clock this morning for returning from banishment.

For the larceny of a felt hat, a coolie was given six months and six hours' stocks at the Magistracy this morning.

A BARRADAS, clerk, of 6, Robinson Road, reports that at noon on the rush last, he lost \$90 from his coat-pocket while driving in a public chair.

A HOUSE boy employed at the Naval Yard was charged at the Police Court this morning for riding a bicycle in a reckless manner and causing grievous bodily harm to a boy, a coolie boy at Kowloon City yesterday afternoon. The case was adjourned for a week.

Kid Parker, who is to meet our local champion heavyweight, Bill Lewis, on the 21st, for a purse of \$1,000, arrived in Hongkong yesterday. The fight is to be one of 25 rounds of three minutes' duration each. Of the purse \$700 goes to the winner and \$300 to the loser. Parker has a good record and should put up a tough battle. He is training at the V.R.C.

ARMED ROBBERY IN
HONGKONG.

MONG KOK TSUI RESIDENTS VICTIMISED.

A report has been made to the Police that three men entered a house at Mong Kok tsui through the back door yesterday and stole a gold-mounted tan bangle, a watch \$150 in money and other articles of jewellery, of a total value of \$750. It is surmised that the thief or thieves effected an escape by the same means by which they gained access. The Police are investigating. In view of the increase of incursions at this season of the year, when the local Earl Shiek would seem to exercise his fullest ingenuity to make a vision for China New Year, it is not easy to understand why greater precautions are not observed by householders in the Colony for the protection of their property.

DISTURBANCE ON BOARD
THE "KUMSANG."FIGHT BETWEEN CHINESE AND INDIANS
OUTSIDE SING-TORY HARBOUR.

The *Straits Times* of the 5th inst. contains the following:—

"When the steamer *Kum Seng* entered the port about 5 p.m. on Tuesday she was flying signals for police assistance. It turned out that just outside the harbour a serious disturbance broke out among the passengers, the Chinese attacking the Indian passengers with bamboo, rice-bowls, sticks and knives. From all accounts, however, the Indians seem to have more than held their own. One Chinese was seriously cut. The first and third officers intervened and arrested the two Chinese ring-leaders, but in the scuffle of the arrest the third officer lost a gold ring. After putting the prisoner in irons, the officers were threatened by the other Chinese, who said they would kill if their leaders were not liberated. The prisoners were not given up and when the police came aboard some time later they were handed over to the officers. They came before Lieut. Gator in the Marine Court to-day on a charge of molesting and obstructing the officers of the ship in the execution of their duty. They were fined \$50, with the alternative of two months' rigorous imprisonment each."

SIR PAUL CHATER returned to the Colony on board the German Mail *Goden* to-day after his holiday in Europe.

JOSE CAMALNAO, a pensioner of the Military Force, Macao, reports that his son M. Camalnao was missed on the 10th inst. at Macao, and suspects him to be in the Colony.

THREE friars in full Dominican garb, with brown gowns, tasseled waist-cords, sandals and skull-caps all complete, at racial much at variance in Queen's Road this afternoon.

IN the City Hall Library this afternoon at a quarter past five o'clock, Mr. J. Feinstein is giving an exhibition of chess-playing, extraordinary, holding out against twelve tables simultaneously. Mr. Feinstein is appearing under the auspices of the Hongkong Chess Club.

OLAF M. HANSEN, a Norwegian seaman, was charged before Mr. E. R. Hallifax at the Police Court this morning with assaulting C. Gould, Assistant Supt. of the Sailors' Home, and behaving in a disorderly manner while drunk. His Worship ordered the defendant to pay a fine of \$5.

NEXT Monday, the 9th instant, is the name-day of His Majesty, the Czar of Russia. On that occasion the Russian Consul, Mr. V. D. Tcherny, will be "at home" at the Consulate in Queen's Building from eleven a.m. until one p.m.

ARRANGEMENTS are being made to hold prayer meetings during the first week of the New Year. It is intended to hold a meeting at the City Hall on Sunday evening, New Year's Day, at 9 p.m. Daily prayer meetings will be held from Jan. 4 to 7th in the Music Room at the City Hall, beginning at 5.30 p.m. each evening.

THE report that has reached Portsmouth of some recent torpedo practice at the Home Fleet near Foveaux Roads confirms what the *World* has stated that two divisions of the Home Fleet approached each other from a distance of ten miles and delivered torpedo attacks at a rate of five thousand yards, the speed of the ships constituting the target being unknown. On the first occasion it is said that 100 per cent. of the shots took effect.

LORD CHARLES BERESFORD declared at a meeting at Barrow that a loan was now absolutely necessary to show the world that we were determined to uphold our supremacy at sea and to maintain peace. "I have stood," he said, "for the future of the Navy, and of all my statements not one has been refuted. I am called a talkative admiral," he concluded, "but I don't care a tinker's—well, you know. The question of all questions is our superiority at sea."

THE Hongkong and Shanghai Bank forged cheque at Sourabaya will, it is said, be tried by the Criminal Court there at the end of this month. The Bank is suing its cashier and his co-accused for the difference between the money recovered and the money so far. The cashier, who has left the service of the Bank, pleads that though he is liable for loss through carelessness and management on his part he is not answerable for fraud by one of his assistants.

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THE Dread-noughts are being equipped with improved wireless outfit, that will enable them to receive and send messages long distances, even under unfavourable conditions. The new outfit, a result of many experiments in the past year, is said to be the finest in the world. The operating room, located near the mile bridge, has sound-proof walls. One feature of it is what is known as the "cage of death." It surrounds the live wires leading to the main board, and its purpose is to protect the wireless operators and members of the crew from danger.

CLAIM ON A PROMISSORY NOTE.

JUDG. ENT. BY PUISNE JUDGE.

In the Summary Jurisdiction of the Supreme Court this morning, Mr. Justice F. A. - - - - - gave judgment in the case in which Chan Hing Yo, trader, No. 41 Graham Street, sued Yuen Lo Chui, trader, No. 309 Des Vaux Road Central, for the recovery of a sum of \$150, being monies due on a promissory note.

The plaintiff's case, as adduced in evidence at the original hearing of the case, was that the amount in dispute was paid over in the sum of a promissory note. This was signed by the defendant and handed over to the plaintiff. No money was passed; it was a transfer. The plaintiff was formerly a clerk with Edward Lee & Co., of which firm the defendant's son was a partner. The plaintiff had entered into the employment of this firm to act as chief under a bind of \$150, which sum he deposited with his defendant son as comprador of the firm.

When Edward Lee & Co. stopped payment in August last, plaintiff went to the comprador and demanded repayment of his deposit but did not get it. Afterwards he went to the defendant (the comprador's father) and obtained from him the promissory note produced in the case. For the sake of the case, the issue made out was that the plaintiff had breached it to the former and had said he would put the son in gaol if the money was not paid. His Lordship in giving judgment said he was satisfied on the evidence that the plaintiff had really thought that he had a bona fide claim against the defendant's son. He (the Judge) was of opinion that the defendant thought his son was liable in the sum of \$150. Dealing with the law on the subject, his Lordship said that the cancelling and giving up of a document was a good consideration even if the document was of no value. This was a case of compromise by the defendant and the plaintiff had consented to take less than the amount and to accept payment by instalments. There was evidence of a serious claim, honestly made, meaning that he would sue and arrest. Therefore, judgment must be entered for the plaintiff with costs.

Mr. Reader Faris, of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist, represented the plaintiff, and Mr. F. X. d'Almada the defendant.

ALLEGED ATTEMPTED
FRATRICIDE.SCHOOLBOY WHO WANTED TO KILL TWO
BROTHERS TO OBTAIN PROPERTY.

A curious story not unmixed with a certain amount of tragic interest was related before Mr. E. R. Hallifax at a Magistracy this morning, when Wong Tsz Koo, a student of St. Stephen's College; Mak U Cui, an unemployed steamman; and Olio Oban, an unemployed vehicle-driver were charged with alleged conspiracy to murder Wong Pak Chau, aged 9 years, and Wong So Chai, 5 years of age.

Chief Detective-Inspector Hasson prosecuted and Mr. Davidson, from the firm of Messrs. Haileg's and Hasting, defended.

The case was formally remanded till 15th p.m. to-morrow.

It is alleged that the schoolboy employed the defendant's son to join him for the purpose of carrying out the murder of his two brothers, so that he could come into possession of the properties left by his deceased father.

BIJOU SCENIC THEATRE.

INTERESTING EXHIBITION OF OCCULT
SCIENCE.

Every few days, the management of the Bijou Scenic Theatre has a fresh surprise in store for those who patronise this up-to-date hall of entertainment. Last night, in addition to the pleasing songs and dances of Miss Vera Ferrante, two native girls made their bow to a fairly big house. These were Misses Mrs. Montgomery and Mr. Chas. G. Hale, who gave a delightful sketch, which greatly pleased the audience. In addition to vaudeville turns, Mr. C. Smith, master of ceremony, is giving an interesting discourse on the mysterious science of telepathy, thought transmission, etc., and by way of convincing the audience that no imposition was intended, he gave a concrete example of the powers which a real ton in every human being of ordinary intelligence. He invited two members of the audience on the stage and having blindfolded one of the gentlemen a piece of chalk, he asked him to trace a consecutive line anywhere in the hall provided there was no light in it. Both that was done, he requested the other gentleman to blindfold him, after which he asked the holder of the chalk to concentrate his mind on the line. When it is stated that the latter had taken the previous line, tracing a most intricate zig-zag, with a slight irregularity and ending at a most uncomfortable point, it will be seen that the task was by no means an easy one. When the gentleman after referring to his chalk, he placed what was left of it at the point where the line stopped. Mr. Castleton, who set to work and after a few minutes, picked up the chalk, stepped up to the stage and with a surprising degree of precision. At the conclusion of the clever performance, he was made the recipient of a great ovation.

MR. CASTLEMAN will repeat his performance to-night and all those who have inclinations towards the occult art should take the opportunity of seeing Mr. Castleton's performance. It beats Nicola easily. In this respect—that while Nicola is a master of all kinds of hand tricks and amazing deceptions which are in themselves unexplainable, Mr. Castleton, after twenty-five years of study of the science, has gained a complete mastery of the knowledge, which enables him to use to the fullest possible advantage the power of the mind over the muscle.

THE YALMEN.

The site for the Naval yamen has been selected at San Shio, Fow-sai-dje the river. The estimated cost for the erection of the premises is 20,000 Taels.

A DRASTIC PROPOSAL.

Prince Kung has memorialized the Throne, stating that a Decree should be issued and strictly enforced to the effect that if any high official or private person be found secretly importing opium, he will be executed on the spot.

PLague in Hainan.

It is reported that plague has recently spread in Hainan and Chi-chia. Between 600 and 700 people are reported to succumb to the dread disease daily.

FOREIGN LOANS.

Duke Tsai-tee has held a consultation with the two Vice-Ministers of the Ministry of Finance to send telegraphic instructions to the Provincial Authorities to the effect that if they decide that any foreign loans are to be raised, they should first consult with the Ministry. If small sums should be required they will be allowed to borrow them from the Ta Ching Government Bank.

CORRESPONDENCE.

(We do not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by Correspondents in this column.)

THE ROYAL COLONIAL INSTITUTE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH".

DEAR SIR.—I enclose a copy of a letter which was addressed to me, as corresponding Secretary in Hongkong, by the Royal Colonial Institute in London, and shall be glad to know whether you or your readers have any suggestion to make in regard to the matters which are referred to in that letter, and which have remained in abeyance during my absence from the Colony.

In the meanwhile I shall be pleased to receive the names of any British subjects who desire to become non-resident members of the Institute, which has been the means of stimulating a widespread interest in the affairs of the Empire.

Yours faithfully,
P. E. FOLOCK,

5, Queen's Road Central,
14th December, 1910.

ITALIAN CONVENT.

AN APPEAL.

The Superior of the Italian Convent has issued the following appeal to patrons and friends of the Institution:

Recent events in a not houing field of labour of the Canadian Sisters of Charity, who had been established in the district since 1877, have led to the closing up of the institution, which had been maintained as a day and boarding school and a nursing home, while the "Sister Eufacia" is now being used on the case of the aged invalids.

The greatly regretted event is accountable for a considerable augmentation in the number of inmates who have had to be housed partly in the central house of the Convent in Can's Road, and partly in the district establishment at Hungshon.

The exact number for whom provision has had to be made since the first week in December is as follows:-

Sisters (European)	33
" (Chinese)	7
Chinese Orphans	35
Portuguese Orphans	21
Fondlings	30
Chinese Boys	89
Total	129

It does not require many words to explain that, besides the cost of removal to Hongkong, the bare necessities for the maintenance of such a large number of people entail an expenditure as who by unexpected as the convent is without immediate resources to meet.

We are, the execs, driven to the urgent necessity of appealing to your generosity for assistance. We are conscious that the season of year is not opportune for demands upon the purse of Hongkong residents; but we are left without any option and the urge it nature of our need impels us to have recourse to your charity even at the risk of so repeatedly importuning you. We hope to be excused. No donation is too small. However, if a sum derable the amount, it will help to provide the daily subsistence of the hundred persons in whose behalf we venture to appeal.

AEROPLANE v. BATTLESHIP.

In summing up the case against the aeroplane, it may be necessary to explode a few delusions as to the vulnerability of modern battleships. From recently published newspaper articles on this subject, it would seem that modern ships are regarded as invincible only to broadside fire, and it is undoubtedly true that the millions of our interested citizens who visit our ships are more interested in their offensive powers than in their structural strength.

Yet these vessels are not frail shells pursuing perilous courses upon a dangerous element. The modern Dreadnought, properly handled, has little to fear from sea or storm, and the process of development that has made her staunch, has left little to fear from such projectiles as an aeroplane can now carry and discharge.

EXPLOSIVE HOMMIS.

dropped on steel plates are not a serious menace, especially at all vital portions of a ship opening above the water are protected below the upper decks by heavy grating. Hiriam Maxim showed long ago how ineffectual against steel plates is the action of explosive without penetration, even when high explosives in large quantities be used.

The armoured end of a battleship may be crashed in 10 m above and she will steam and fight with but slightly reduced power. In action very few people are exposed above the upper decks of ships. It is no secret to say that they are fewer than ordinarily realized.

The explosion of a large bomb or projectile on a turret or conning tower could have little result in action and is, at present, a contingency quite as remote as destruction

BY THE HEAT RAY,

the ingenious and terrifying, but purely imaginary invention of M. F. G. Wells in his story of inter-planetary war; or as the suggested destruction of ships by powder magazine explosions, to be effected by wireless, incinerator.

Granting equal ingenuity to the attack and defense, a gun is used on the ship platform, devised to repel aeroplane attack, shield, for years to come, show an advantage over the weapons designed to launch projectiles from the air. Range finders, range tables, and even new gun types may confidently be counted on when the air attacks become really increasing. Commander John F. Hubbard, U.S.N., in *Harpers Weekly*.

VIRGIN OF SOMB SLANG PHRASES.

When in a heated moment one tells an irritating companion to "Go to blazes!" it now appears the remark is blously polite instead of abusive.

The true meaning of the phrase was recently explained during a case at the London Licensing Sessions, for it seems there was once a bishop name Blaise, who was always ready to dispense wisdom and advice. Thus it grew to be the custom to say, "Go to Blaise's."

The English vocabulary abounds in similar phrases which appear to possess an abusive and forcible significance, but whose original meaning was quite harmless.

"Chien" is another term vulgar in, is nothing more than a corruption of "Choose it better," or in other words, "Tell me some thing I can believe."

The expression "I'll give him the nail" usually suggests that there is a bad time in store for some one. The original phrase meant to be quits with a person and was derived from the French proverb: "If he gives me pess, I will give him bray."

"Go to Bath" is a less common phrase, and one usually applied to a person who is talking nonsense. It became popular during the period when the West of England was the fashionable health resort, and when silly and allihly deformed like were recommended to "Go to Bath" and to have their health stayed."

THE ART OF AVIATION.

CELEBRATED AIRMAN COMING TO HONGKONG.

We are informed by the Société d'Aviation d'Extreme Orient, whose offices in this Colony are at No. 38, Queen's Road Central, that their Principal, the Marquis de Villeneuve, the celebrated French aviator, will shortly visit the Colony with his flying machine.

The Marquis is due in Saigon in a few days, where he will join Mr. A. de Bir, the renowned Belgian aviator, and proceed to give exhibitions in the art of aerial flight.

These gentlemen have with them El'rol and Fairman and probably other types of flying machines. They intend visiting the South Coast ports and will arrive in this Colony about a month hence, when the Hongkong public will, for the first time, be given an opportunity of witnessing these vessels' flying in mid-air. We understand exhibitions of straight, circular, high and distance flight will be given and probably, if sufficient public interest be evidenced we might also see racing contests in mid-air.

Although a good deal has been written about aviators coming to the Far East, the above gentlemen are the only aviators on the spot.

JUSTICE IN MANILA.

TWO YEAR OLD SENTENCED.

Despite the persistent attempts of a kind-hearted police force to adapt him as a mascot, 2 year-old Juan Abusono was sentenced to the Hospital San Jose by Judge C. M. of the Municipal Court. Juan was picked up on a street two months ago by a patrolman from the Manila station.

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London—Bank T.T.	10/10
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Do. 4 months' sight	10/10
France—Bank T.T.	2/2
America—Bank T.T.	4/4
Germany—Bank T.T.	1/87
India T.T.	.....	1/8
Do. demand	.....	1/87
Shanghai—Bank T.T.	.....	7/1
Singapore—Bank T.T. per H.K. \$100	.....	9/0
Japan—Bank T.T.	.....	10/10
Ive—Bank T.T.	.....	10/10
4 months' sight	L.O.	10/10
6 months' sight L.O.	.....	10/9
10 days' sight San F'co & New York	.....	4/8
4 months' sight	do.	1/6
10 days' sight Sydney & Melbourne	.....	10/11
4 months' sight France	.....	2/38
1 month's sight Germany	.....	1/92
1 Silver	.....	25/16
Duck of England rate	.....	48/7
Sovereign	.....	\$10/8

SHIPPING AND MAILS

MAILS DUE.

Indian (*Latian*) 17th Inst.
American (*Nippon Maru*) 20th Inst.
Canadian (*Empress of China*) 21st Inst.
American (*Sibaria*) 30th Inst.
American (*China*) 3rd Inst.

The s.s. *Rubli* left Manila on 14th Inst., and due here on 17th Inst., at 4 p.m.

The O.S. K. S. *Mexico Maru* from Tacoma, arrived in Yokohama on 14th Inst., and is expected to arrive here on 29th Inst., via Shanghai.

The C. P. R. Co.'s s.s. *Empress of China* arrived at Yokohama on 13th p.m. on 14th Inst., and left again at 4 p.m., same day, for Kobe, where she is due to arrive at 4 p.m., on 15th Inst.

THE WBATHER.

On the 15th at 11:55 a.m.—The barometer has risen considerably over the Loochus and fallen moderately at the Fossins, the shallow depressions having moved Eastwards towards the latter area.

Pressure has given way slightly over N. China and increased a little in S. China.

The anticyclonic area appears to be centred over the Upper Yang ze valley. Pressure remains low over the South of the Philippines and adjacent waters.

Very strong monsoon will continue to prevail over the N. part of the China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending 11 a.m. to-day, 0.0 inches.

FORECAST.

- Hongkong and Neighbourhood, N. winds, fresh or strong; f.e.
- Formosa Channel, N.E. winds, strong.
- South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamock, same as No. 1.
- South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan same as No. 1.

Shipping.

ARRIVALS.

Siam, Danish ss., 3,000, C. Kundsen, 14th Dec.—Singapore 7th Dec., Gen.—M. & Co.
Clara Jebsen, Ger. ss., 1,100, J. Bendixen, 14th Dec.—Fapitong and Hoitow 11th Dec., Gen.—J. & Co.
Hong Wan I, Br. ss., 2,000, J. Womsworth, 14th Dec.—Singapore 8th Dec., Gen.—J. & Co.
Devawongse, Ger. ss., 1,057, E. v. Reeken, 13th Dec.—Bangkok via Swatow 4th Dec., Rice and Meal—B. & S.
Hathman, Br. ss., 1,102, H. J. H. H. 13th Dec.—Bangkok and Swatow 14th Dec., Gen.—Aagaard Thoresen & Co.
Chinua, Br. ss., 1,119, M. Henson, 14th Dec., Canton 13th Dec., Gen.—B. & S.
Chungking, Nor. ss., 1,019, A. Kjoss, 11th Dec.—Swatow 10th Dec., Ballast—W. & Co.
Dewawongse, Ger. ss., 1,057, E. v. Reeken, 13th Dec.—Bangkok via Swatow 4th Dec., Rice and Meal—B. & S.
Fa, Nov. ss., 2,645, W. L. Andriese, 12th Dec.—Kwai-chow-wan 11th Dec.—Salt—Aagaard Thoresen & Co.
Halmun, Br. ss., 1,641, A. H. Stewart, 14th Dec.—Switow 13th Dec., Gen.—D. L. & Co.
Heicles, Nor. ss., 1,387, W. S. Wilhemsen, 10th Dec.—Portland 10th Nov., and Moji 5th Dec., Flour—P. & A. Co.
Hongkong Maru, Jap. ss., 3,447, H. Hinokuma, 13th Dec.—Cureel Chile 14th Sept., Coal and McDise.—T. K. K.
Hong Moh, Br. ss., 2,550, R. S. Bullockbridge, 13th Dec.—Singapore 3rd Dec., Gen.—Order.
Laertes, Br. ss., 1,340, F. C. Frimpong, 10th Dec.—Saigon 3rd Dec., Rice—W. Faith Sing.
Lightning Br. ss., 2,122, E. P. Smith, 12th Dec.—Singapore and Calcutta 5th Dec., Gen.—D. & S. & Co.
Achilles, Br. ss., 7,744, R. G. Tompsoe, 15th Dec.—Liverpool 9th Dec., Gen.—B. & S.
Huichow, Br. ss., 1,935, E. Forsyth, 13th Dec.—Tientin 9th Dec., Gen.—B. & S.
Quinte, Ger. ss., 900, Scholtemer, 13th Dec.—Bar-tok via Hoitow 13th Dec., Rice—S. & Co.
Johanne, Ger. ss., 1,957, M. Ipland, 15th Dec.—Pakhoi 14th Dec., Salt—J. & Co.
Ching Shing, Br. ss., 1,199, F. Mooney, 15th Dec.—Fenian 7th Dec., Peanuts—J. M. & Co.
Chiyuan, Chl. ss., 1,177, C. Stewart, 15th Dec.—Canton 14th Dec., Gen.—C. M. S. N. Co.
Liaog-chow, Br. ss., 1,215, H. Harder, 14th Dec.—Canton 14th Dec., Gen.—B. & S.
Nord, Br. ss., 1,248, Jones, 15th Dec.—Canton 14th Dec., Ballast—A. P. & Co.
Helene, Ger. ss., 771, J. Bendixen, 15th Dec.—Swatow 13th Dec., Gen.—J. & Co.
Yunnan, Br. ss., 1,767, J. R. Owen, 15th Dec.—Hongy 12th Dec., Coal—B. & S.
Prometheus, Nor. ss., 1,024, O. Korneliusen, 11th Dec.—Salon 3rd Dec., Gen.—B. & S.
Samson, Ger. ss., 998, R. Petersen, 9th Dec.—Bangkok and Swatow 8th Dec., Rice and Tea-kwood—B. & S.
Washington, Ger. ss., 2,650, C. Stege, 8th Nov.—New York 3rd Sept., Petroleum in Bulk—O. Oil Co.
Yemino Maru, Jap. ss., 2,310, S. Saruya, 11th Dec.—Yokohama 18th Nov., and Moji 5th Dec., Coal—O. S. K.
Yuenyang, Br. ss., 1,128, P. H. Rolfe, 13th Dec.—Manila 10th Dec., Gen.—J. M. & Co.

CLEARANCES AT THE HARBOUR OFFICE.

Dezowm, for Bangkok.
Indra-dro, for Shanghai.
Si-mi, for Taku.
Yunnan, for Shanghai.
Hausang, for Kobe.
Kutang, for Shanghai.
Hai-kang, for Japan.
Kuei-chow, for Shanghai.
Holste n, for Hoitow.
Johanne, for Canton.
Hong Way I, for Amoy.
Nord, for Swatow.
Ponfong, for Swatow.
Gorbin, for Siam.
Halec, for Quia Hana.
Hutchow, for Canton.
Shadong, for Hongay.
Soanda, for Shanghai.

DEPARTURES

Dec. 15.
Bal'month, for B.likappav.
Wakamatsu Maru, for Wakamatsu.
Fukura Maru, for Wakamatsu.
Choumaru, for Swatow.
Hangay, for Amoy.
Satin Richess, for Canton.
Choyang, for Canton.
Amal, for Canton.
Holstet, for Haiphong.

ARRIVALS

Dec. 15.
Lalsang Singapore, J. M. & Co. Dec. 12
Yokohama O. S. K. Dec. 18
Sunda Singapore, P. & O. Co. Dec. 18
Nippon Maru Yokohama, T. K. K. Dec. 20
Emp. of China Vancouver, G. P. R. Co. Dec. 22
Mexico Maru Yokohama, O. S. K. Dec. 30
Monteagle Vancouver, G. P. R. Co. Dec. 1
China San Francisco, P. M. G. Co. Dec. 1
Glenarthur London, S. T. & Co. Jan. 15

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Post Office.

Only fully propal letters and postcards are transmissible by the Siberian Route to Europa.

A Mail will close for—

Faliphony—Per *Dopheng*, 16th Dec., 9 A.M.
Shanghai—Per *Indra-dro*, 16th Dec., 9 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per *Halmun*, 16th Dec., 10 A.M.
Amoy—Per *Hong Wan I*, 16th Dec., 11 A.M.
Bangkok—Per *Devawongse*, 16th Dec., 11 A.M.

Passengers arr'd.

Per *Goben*, from Southamp-

Messrs. E. A. Beaumont, R. O. Ching
Chop and Z. Bentor, From Geneva—Sir

Paul Chater, Capt. Voh Wenzel, Mr. Sibaud

Figuet, Capt. W. Robert, Feikine Enrikis,

Commodore Z. A. Bell, Miss Virginia Lee,

Baker, Major Anderson, Messrs. Stockwell,

Bull, Bark, Zutius, Zungen and Amendo

Capuzzi, From Colombo—Yenn, W. S.

Griscom, Walter Griscom, Robert Ree, Rev.

Y. Battelmann, and Mr. Rob. Rossiter,

From Fesang—Messrs. E. W. E. Cotton and R.

Sheepshanks, From Singapore—Mr. O.

J. Ellis, W. T. reman, Jan Yung Chiang, Mr.

and Mrs. Toméch, Th. S. van Hunt,

Max Luchs, Y. S. Stafford, Dr. Simon,

W. Gladst, Miss Na'el, Mr. Ch'en Liey Yu,

Dr. and Mrs. Hongkee, Wong Llov

Chow, Chow Leng Fock, Chu Then Heng,

Thibida, Chedamal, Pessona, Mrs. K.

Osy, Messrs. Hugoowilpen and C. Kai

Hock.

Passenger Departed.

For *Kialai*, from Hongkong—Per *Europa*

Europe, &c., Mrs. H. E. Evans, Mr. and Mrs.

J. W. S. from Mrs. H. L. Sefton, Mr. and Mrs.

J. C. Thomson, Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Adams,

Messrs. M. Adams, M. L. Swopes, Mr. and Mrs.

J. T. Limpricht, Messrs. J. and G. Lamprecht,

C. Poe, Meeker, Mrs. A. D. Power, Mr. and

Mr. J. W. Robertson, Messrs. R. and M. Rob-

ertson, John Robertson, Mrs. Taylor, Mr. and

Mrs. H. L. Caswell, Mrs. C. A. Roberts, Mr.

E. Fildes, Capt. Misses B. Schlobiger, Messrs.

L. G. and L. W. Brown, Mrs. G. Rodgers,

Mrs. F. L. Lovell, Mrs. M. C. Owen, Mr. and

Mrs. H. Welder, Messrs. Bhesma, G. Symons,

W. Rückmann, L. D. Stone, Mrs. A. An-

drews, Mrs. A. S. Damon, Inspector H. Kreis,

Messrs. G. A. Reid, Newman, Mr. D. M.

Co. and Mr. G. H. Hoppele, Rev. L. Dehou,

Messrs. Teberghen, Ayer, Sander, Kay Seong

Bon, Mr. and Mrs. Sohni and child, Mr. O.

Dierckx, Mr. and Mrs. Ng Yip San and child,

Rev. and Mrs. J. P. Jones, Messrs. Van

Kip Chee, Lee Liew Kong, Lal Lai

Chow, Wong Yue, G. Williams, Mrs. Lau Kee

Noguchi, Ket Sam and W. Dodds.

VESSELS IN PORT.

STEAMERS.

Borneo, Ger. ss., 1,144, F. Sembill, 14th Dec., Sandakan 6th Dec., Gen. and Timber—M.

& Co.

Buyo Maru, Jap. ss., 1,813, Y. Matsugame, 14th Dec.—Port Arthur 8th Dec., Cosl.

M. B. K.

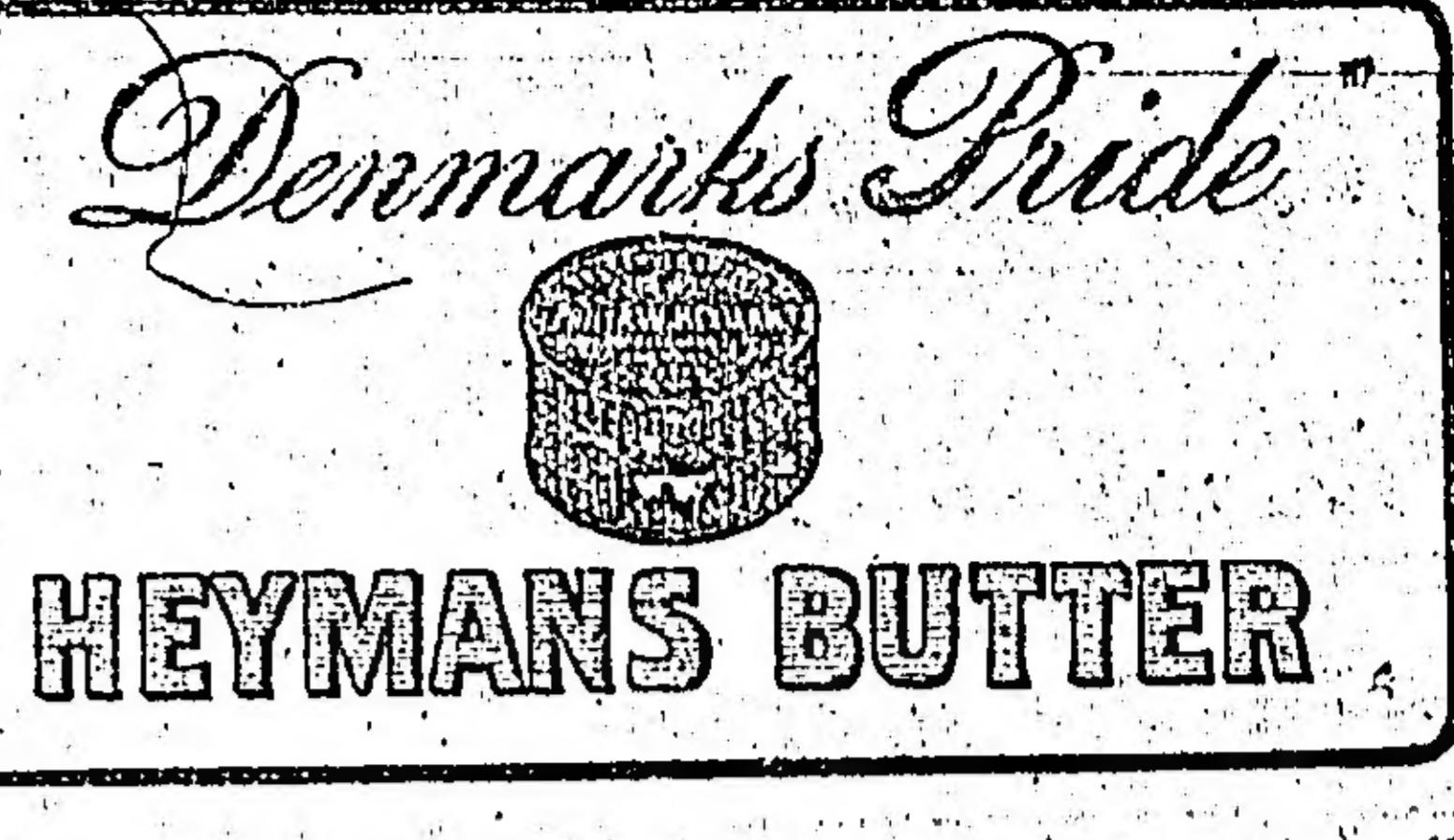
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SHARE QUOTATIONS.

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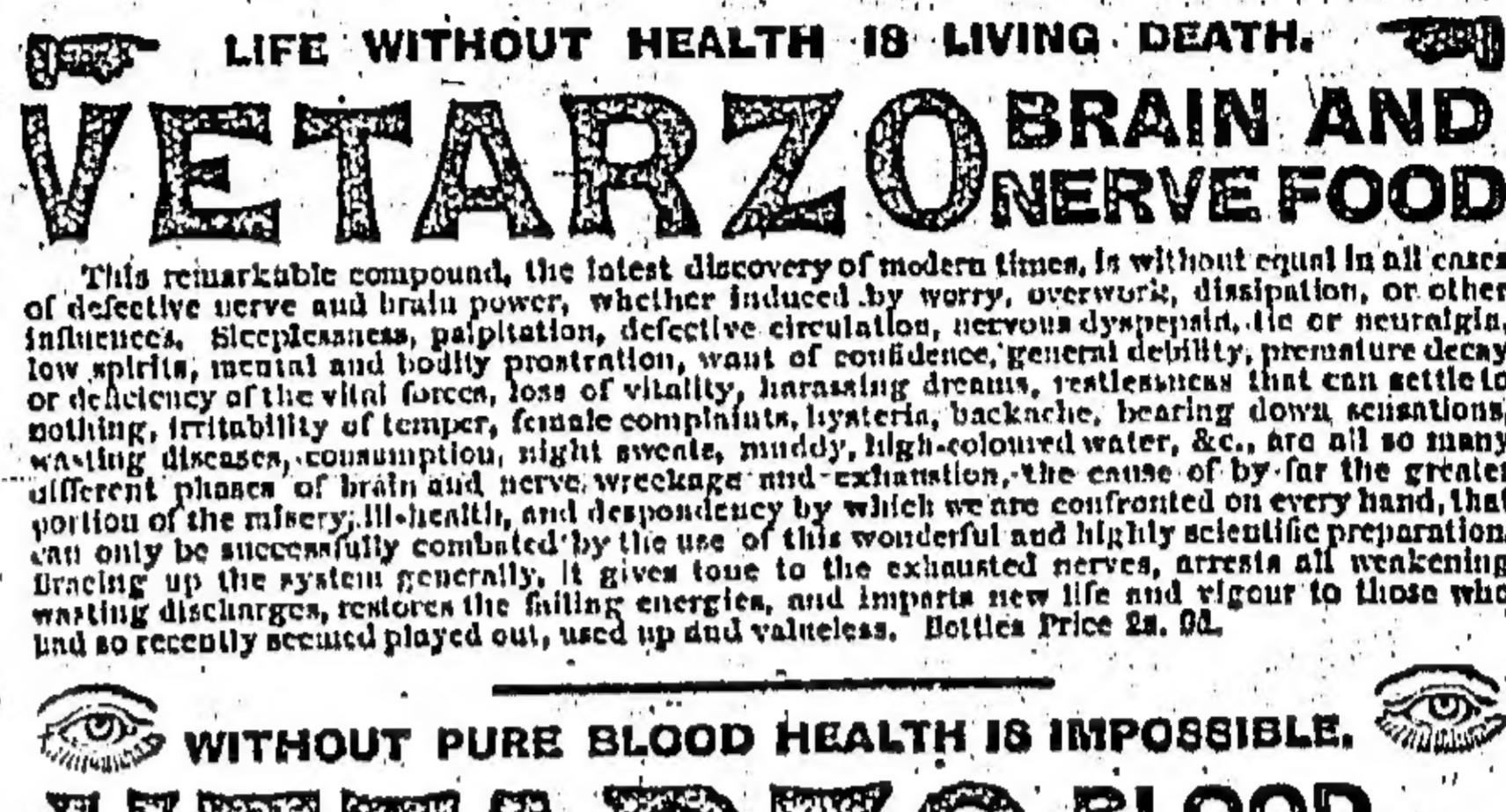
STOCKS.	NO. OF SHARES.	VALUE.	PAID UP	POSITION AS PER LAST REPORT	LAST DIVIDEND.	APPROXIMATE RETURN AT PRESENT QUOTATION FOR LAST YEAR'S DIV.	CLOSING QUOTATIONS.
				RESERVE.	AT WORKING ACCOUNT		
BANKS.							
Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation	120,000	\$125	\$125	\$1,500,000 \$15,00,000 \$150,000	\$2,029.30	£2 for first half year ending 30.6.10 @ ex 1/5 = \$2145	100 sellers \$230.
National Bank of China, Limited.....	99,925	47	46	\$4,000 \$10,000	\$30,552	2a (London 1/6) for 1909 .....	... \$80 buyers
MARINE INSURANCES.							
Canton Insurance Office, Limited	10,000	\$250	\$50	\$8,000,000 \$8,000,000 \$1,60,000 \$1,60,000	none	5% for 1909	8% \$185
North China Insurance Company, Limited	10,000	415	45	Tls. 205,119	Final div. of 7 1/2% for '09 making 15% in all..	5% Tls. 250 sellers	
Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited	12,400	\$250	\$100	\$1,600,000 \$1,60,000 \$105,248 \$105,248 \$1,00,000 \$1,00,000	\$287,984	Final of \$20 per share, making in all \$50 per share for 1908 and an interim div. of \$20 per share for 1909	% \$171
Yangtze Insurance Association, Limited	12,000	\$100	\$60	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$104,405 \$104,405	\$7,7,627	5% for year ending 31.12.08 and interim of \$3 on account of 1909	8% 150 sellers
FIRE INSURANCES.							
China Fire Insurance Company, Limited	20,000	\$100	\$20	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,00,000	\$428,106	10 and bonus 2a for '08	7% \$166
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited	8,000	\$250	\$50	\$1,00,000	\$426,118	5% for 1908	8% \$165
SHIPPING.							
China and Manila Steamship Company, Limited...	10,000	\$25	\$25	\$7,743 \$20,000 \$100,000	Dr. \$3,777	5% for 1906 .....	... \$80
Douglas Steamship Company, Limited	20,000	\$50	\$50	\$100,000	N.H.	2% for year ending 30.6.1908 .....	... \$80 sellers
Hongkong, Canton & Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd	80,000	\$15	\$15	\$1,67,500 \$17,675 \$15,493	132,556	Dividend of \$1 1/2 for 30.6.10	8% \$30
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd. (Preferred) Do. (Dobored).	60,000	45	45	\$138,100	15,161	3% +/- on Preferred shares only for 1910 .....	... \$56 sellers
"Shell" Transport and Trading Company, Limited.	60,000	45	45	\$720,000 \$100,000 \$71,250	163,094	Final div. of 2/6 per sb. (cop. 14) making in all 4/6 per sb. for 1909 as a lot, div. of 15% per sb. on ac. for '10	5% 81/2 sellers
"Star" Ferry Company, Limited	10,000	\$10	\$10	\$10,000	21,159	A dividend of 7 1/2% for '09 ending 30.4.10. A bonus of 5% for '10	5% 81/2 sellers
REFINERIES.							
China Sugar Refining Company, Limited	20,000	\$100	\$100	\$1,20,000 \$18,000	Dr. \$1,000	5% for half year ending 30.6.1910	6% \$124
Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Limited	7,000	\$100	\$100	none	Dr. 12,500	5% for 1897 .....	... \$122 sellers
MINING.							
Chinese Engineering and Mining Company, Ltd....	1,000,000	15	15	\$125,000 \$12,200	12,433	Final div. of 1/4 for the year 1910 making 15% (coupons No. 15)	9% \$10
Headwaters Mining Company	60,000	P. 10	P. 10	none	none	First year .....	... \$41 sellers
Raub Australian Gold Mining Company, Limited	150,000	41	41	44,100	none	\$1 per share 13th dividend	5% \$10
Oriental Consolidated Mining Co., Ltd. DOCKS, WHARFS & GODOWNS.	50,000	G. 10	G. 10	50,000	none	Final of Gold \$0.05 for 1909 in all G \$1.15	5% \$10
Fenwick (Goo.) & Co., Limited	18,000	\$25	\$25	\$15,375	Dr. \$8,460	5% for year 30.1.12 1114.15 .....	... \$5
Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd..	60,000	\$50	\$50	\$10,000 \$11,993 \$10,000 \$88,211	\$264,847	5% for 1909	4% buyers
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, Ltd.	50,000	\$50	\$50	\$12,000 \$12,000 \$1,00,000	72,347	3% for half year ended 30.6.1909 .....	... \$54 buyers
Shanghai & Dock and Engineering Co., Ltd.	Tls. 55,700	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 697,157 Tls. 54,950	Tls. 6,26	Final of Tls. 25 making Tls. 6 in all for year 30.4.1910	8% Tls. 971
Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf Company, Limited..	16,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 181,000	71,922	Interim of Tls. 3 for 1910	7% Tls. 971
LANDS, HOTELS & BUILDINGS.							
Anglo-French Land Investment Co., Ltd.	25,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 15,000 \$1,000	Tls. 4,374	Tls. 6 for year ending 29.2.10	5% \$107 sellers
Central Stores, Limited	50,123	\$15	\$15	\$1,000	32,041	8% for 1909	5% \$107 sellers
Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited	12,000	\$50	\$50	\$14,375	51,277	{55 on old shares \$150 on new shares for half year ending 30.6.10	6% \$107 buyers
Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd.	5,000	\$50	\$50	\$10,000	51,277	Interim of \$51 for 1910	7% \$107 sellers
Humphreys Estate & Finance Company, Limited	150,000	\$10	\$10	\$125,000 \$15,856	51,277	45 cents for 1909	6% \$107
Kowloon Land and Building Company, Limited	6,000	\$50	\$50	none	51,277	5% for 1909	8% \$133
Shanghai Land Investment Company, Limited	78,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 1,175,045 Tls. 10,000 none	Tls. 6,1569	Interim of Tls. 3 for 1910	6% Tls. 105
West Point Building Company, Limited	12,500	\$50	\$50	none	51,952	Interim of \$1.80 for 1910	8% \$109
COTTON MILLS.							
Kwo Cotton Spinning and Weaving Company, Ltd.	20,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 25,000 Tls. 40,000 \$10,000	18,10,998	Tls. 11 for year ending 31.10.09	8% Tls. 871
Hongkong Cotton Spinning, Weaving and Dyeing Company, Limited	125,000	\$10	\$10	none	59,558	50 cents for year ending 31.7.08 .....	... \$44
International Cotton Manufacturing Company, Ltd.	10,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 75	Tls. 175,000	2,12,8372	Tls. 7 for year ending 30.9.09	10% Tls. 50
Laou-kung-kow Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.	5,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 18,172	Tls. 4,829	Tls. 6 for 1909	10% Tls. 481
Sey Chua Cotton Spinning Company, Limited	3,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 11,173	Tls. 35 for 1909	Tls. 11 for 1909	17% Tls. 1471
MISCELLANEOUS.							
Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Limited	8,604	12/6	12/6	6,100	1,648	15% per share for 1909	5% \$108 sellers
China-Borneo Company, Limited	60,000	52	52	\$10,000	50 cents for 1909	6% \$108 buyers	95 cents
China Light and Power Company, Limited	50,000	52	52	none	15,242	60 cents for year ended 15.3.06	5% \$108 sellers
China Provident Loan & Mortgaging Company, Ltd.	50,000	\$10	\$10	50,000	1,602	80 cents for 1909	10% \$108
Dairy Farm Company, Limited	40,000	50	50	50,000	51,692	\$1.20 for year on 31.7.09	7% \$108
Green Island Cement Company, Limited	400,000	\$10	\$10	50,000	51,692	Interim of 15 cents per share for 1910	10% \$108 buyers
H. Price & Company, Limited	12,000	\$10	\$10	none	51,700	14 per cent. viz. \$1.40 for 1909	12% \$108 sellers
Hongkong Electric Company, Limited	60,000	\$10	\$10	none	51,708	A dividend of \$1.20 per share and a bonus of 10 cents per share for year end. 30.4.10	6% \$108 sellers
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	5,000	\$25	\$25	\$150,000	51,716	Interim of \$1 per share for 1910	6% \$108 sellers
Hongkong Ro-Ro Manufacturing Company, Ltd.	60,000	\$10	\$10	\$10,000	51,716	Interim of \$1 per share for 1910	9% \$108 sellers
Maa-tchappi-jin at Mijin, Hosch-en Landbouwex plattelot in Laogkai, Limited	25,000	G. 10	G. 10	Tls. 47,500	51,720	3rd Interim dividend of Tls. 15 making in all Tls. 27 for 1910	5% Tls. 105
Peak Tramways Company, Limited	25,000	\$10	\$10	none	51,720	80 cents on fully paid shares and 8 cents on \$1 paid shares for year ending 30.4.10	5% \$108 sellers
Peak Tramways Company (now)	50,000	\$10	\$10	none	51,720	None	5% \$108
Philippine Company, Limited	75,000	\$10	\$10	Tls. 24,820	Tls. 5,250	No dividend this year	2% Tls. 105
Shanghai-Sumatra Tobacco Company, Limited	30,000	Tls. 20	Tls. 20	Tls. 100,000	First year .....	... \$108 sellers	\$80 Hongkong currency
Societe des Palmes et Papeteries du Tonkin	13,200	Benefit shares	50	Halibut Currency Nominal	none	None	8% \$108 buyers
South China Morning Post, Limited	6,000	\$25	\$25	none	Dr. \$31,000	10% for year ending 31st May 1910	8% \$108 buyers
Steam Laundry Company, Limited	10,000	\$25	\$25	none	51,056	60 cents for year ending 31.12.09	8% \$108 sales
United Waterboat Company, Limited	10,000	\$10	\$10	none	51,056	15% per ordinary \$1 for year ended 31.5.10	5% \$108 sellers
Watkins Limited	10,000	\$10	\$10	none	51,041	5% cents for 1909	5% \$108
Watson (A.S.) & Co., Limited	90,000	\$10	\$10	\$100,000	52,013	3% for 1909	10% \$108
William Powell, Limited	15,000	\$7	none	none	51,824	None	5% \$108

Intimations



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VETARZO BRAIN AND NERVE FOOD